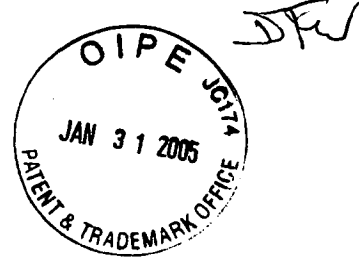


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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	6	minus highest number				
previously paid for	38	(at least 20) =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202)	\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number				
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add					\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051)	\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s)					One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)	
					Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)	
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add					\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814)	\$ 0.00
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Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee					\$180.00 (1806)	\$ 0.00
Assignment Recording Fee					\$40.00 (8021)	\$ 0.00
Other:						\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>						<b>\$ 0.00</b>

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action mailed November 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: